of urgent events it is the (Empress) Regent in whom my trust reposes.

(To Joseph.) I have received your letter of the 12th of March. The National Guard of Paris is a part of the people of France, and so long as I live I intend to be master everywhere in France. Your character and mine are opposite; you like to cajole people and to follow their opinions. I prefer to be cajoled and to have my views followed. To-day as at Austerlitz, I am the master. I imagine that they can perceive the difference between the time of Lafayette when the mob was sovereign and to-day when it is I.

16th. (To King Joseph.) I am going to manreuvre in such a way that you may be several days without news from me. Should the enemy advance on Paris with forces so large as to make resistance impossible, send the Regent (and) my son in the direction of the Loire. Don't leave my son's side, and remember that I would sooner know him in the Seine than in the hands of the enemies of France. The fate of Astyanax as prisoner of the Greeks has always seemed to me the most unhappy in history.

17th. There are three possible courses:

One is to march on Arcis, thirteen leagues; we could get there to-morrow, the 18th; this is the boldest and the result is incalculable;

To move on S6zanne;

The third would be to march straight on Meaux by the highroad. The third is the safest because it takes us rapidly towards Paris, but is also the one that has no moral effect, and leaves everything to the chance of a £reat battle. But, if % enemy have 70,000, or 80,000